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In re Application of:

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For: HARD MAGNETIC FILM  
STRUCTURAL BODY,  
MAGNETORESISTANCE EFFECT  
DEVICE THEREOF, MAGNETIC  
HEAD, MAGNETIC RECORDING/  
REPRODUCING HEAD THEREOF,  
AND MAGNETIC RECORD MEDIUM  
THEREOF, AND MAGNETIC  
STORING APPARATUS THEREOF

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Copies of the listed documents are attached.

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